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REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, 7 through 12, 14, and 16 through 20 are pending subsequent to the Examiner's Amendment mailed March 1, 2006.

Applicants officially make of record that they concur with the telephonic interview between Examiner Tran and Applicants' Representative, memorialized in the Interview Summary and Examiner's Amendment mailed March 1, 2006.

Applicants' Representative further makes of record that the foregoing Examiner's Amendment was made (i) to conform the scope of dependent Claim 2 to allowed Claim 20, (ii) to cancel Claims 3 and 4, considered by the Examiner to be repetitive in light of Claim 20 and (iii) to clarify the substance of Claims 10 and 11. Applicants further make of record that the cancellation of Claims 3 and 4 was made solely to advance prosecution of the above-referenced case, and without prejudice or disclaimer to the filing of continuing applications thereon.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that Applicants have made a significant and important contribution to the art, which is neither disclosed nor suggested in the art. It is believed that all of pending Claims 2, 5, 7 through 12, 14, and 16 through 20 are now in condition for issuance. It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned if any questions remain to expedite examination of this application.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time and/or fees are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2193.

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Respectfully submitted,

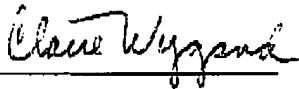


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